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SUBJECT: THE "BRIEFING PAPERS LEAK"

REF: (A) CARACAS 5270; (B) CARACAS 5335

1. TWO UPI DESPATCHES, BYLINED JUAN J. WALTE, HAVE PURPORTED TO DESCRIBED BRIEFING PAPERS PREPARED FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH VISIT TO VENEZUELA. THE FIRST REFERRED TO US VIEWS ON PETROLEUM (REF A); THIS ANNOYED THE GOV, BUT WAS LARGELY IGNORED BY THE PRESS HERE. THE SCOND DESCRIBED--WITH LIBERAL QUOTES--AN ALLEGED ANALYSIS OF THE ELCTORAL SITUATION AND THE CANDIDATES; THIS CAUSED A MAJOR STIR HERE AND INFURIATED PRESIDENT PEREZ (REF B). (THE ANALYSIS DESCRIBED WAS ALSO INACCURATE.) THIS SERIES OF TWO ARTICLES SUGGESTS THAT ADDITIONAL STORIES BASED ON "BRIEFING PAPERS" MAY BE DRIBBLED OUT ONE BY ONE.

2. THE EMBASSY NEVER SAW THE PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING PAPERS. ARE THE UPI ARTICLES' DESCRIPTIONS ACCURATE, AND DO SUCH PAPERS EXIST? IF SO, WERE THEY CLASSIFIED PAPERS?
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